

## **August 13, 2008**

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in a special session with the following members present: Warren Ploeger and Glen Leitch. Also present were County Attorney Kevin Hill, Sheriff John Merchant, and County Clerk Debbie Parker. Commissioner Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

### **JAIL MEETING**

Those present for the informational jail meeting include the Board of Commissioners, Treanor Architect Dan Rowe, Sheriff John Merchant, County Attorney Kevin Hill, County Clerk Debbie Parker, Mike Ingwersen Public Building Commission member, Jack Geiger District 2 Commissioner candidate, and members of the press.

Dan Rowe with Treanor Architects reviewed the floor plan for the new jail option in detail. A copy of the proposed jail floor plan was provided for all in attendance. Various safety issues and standard procedures were discussed. The plumbing and heating systems were also discussed. A few layout changes were recommended and will be considered with cost being a determining factor.

Staffing structure was discussed with safety issues and minimum requirements reviewed. Current staffing only meets the bare minimum requirements so an increase in staff was recommended by Mr. Rowe.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to go with the new jail plan option for the proposed jail bond issue. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Although Commissioner Roberts was unable to attend this meeting, he had previously voiced his support of this decision.

Kevin Hill will contact Kevin Cowen with Gilmore and Bell to attend Monday's regularly scheduled Commissioner's meeting, to provide information on the bond requirements.

Location options were discussed. The new jail is being planned to be built in close proximity with the Courthouse. Land options may soon be negotiated, but currently there is no established site.

Sheriff Merchant reported on the State Fire Marshall's unscheduled inspection of the current jail. The last inspection was done on February 9, 2005. Brown County was written up on several minor violations including storage issues and electrical problems. Brown County has 30 days to respond with a plan to correct these violations.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday August 18, 2008.